

## 6. THE CLAIMS

It is claimed:

1. A method of determining at least one transistor fanout, the method comprising:

- a) creating a sizing model by replacing at least one logic element in a circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor;
- b) determining a steady state solution to the sizing model; and
- c) determining at least one transistor fanout from the steady state solution.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least

10 one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is based at least upon a current.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least

one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic 15 resistor the size of which is based at least upon the logical effort of a logical element.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least

one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is based at least upon a voltage.

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5. The method of claim 1, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least

one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic

resistor the size of which is based at least upon a current and a voltage.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is based at least upon the logical effort of a logic element, a current, and a voltage.

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7. The method of claim 1, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is proportional to the square root of a current.

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8. The method of claim 1, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is proportional to the square root of the logical effort of a logic element.

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9. The method of claim 1, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is proportional to the square root of the inverse of a voltage.

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10. A device containing machine-readable instructions, that when executed perform a method of determining at least one ratio of transistor sizes, the method comprising:

- a) creating a sizing model by replacing at least one logic element in a circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor;
- b) determining a steady state solution to the sizing model; and
- c) determining at least one transistor fanout from the steady state solution.

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- 11. The device of claim 10, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is based at least upon a current.
- 10 12. The device of claim 10, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is based at least upon the logical effort of a logical element.
- 15 13. The device of claim 10, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is based at least upon a voltage.
- 20 14. The device of claim 10, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is based at least upon a current and a voltage.
- 15. The device of claim 10, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic

resistor the size of which is based at least upon the logical effort of a logic element, a current, and a voltage.

16. The device of claim 10, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least

5 one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is proportional to the square root of a current.

17. The device of claim 10, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least

one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic

10 resistor the size of which is proportional to the square root of the logical effort of a logic element.

18. The device of claim 10, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least

one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic

15 resistor the size of which is proportional to the square root of the inverse of a voltage.

19. An integrated circuit created at least in part by a method of determining at least one

ratio of transistor sizes, the method comprising:

a) creating a sizing model by replacing at least one logic element in a circuit

20 description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor;

b) determining a steady state solution to the sizing model; and

c) determining at least one transistor fanout from the steady state solution.

20. The integrated circuit of claim 19, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is based at least upon a current.

5    21. The integrated circuit of claim 19, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is based at least upon the logical effort of a logical element.

10    22. The integrated circuit of claim 19, wherein creating a sizing model includes replacing at least one logic element in the circuit description with a sizing element that includes a dynamic resistor the size of which is based at least upon a voltage.